(f) how many export houses have been de-recognised on this count?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As per the criteria fixed under para 137 of the Exim Policy status certificates are awarded to exporters designating them as Export Houses, Trading Houses, Star Trading Houses and Super Star Trading Houses.

(b) The total number of Export Houses under different categories (Statewise) as on 20.3.95 is given in Annexure. (*See appendix* 173, *Annexure No.* 47).

(c) According to information furnished by Federation of Indian Export Organisation, the total export made by Export Houses/Trading Houses/Star Trading Houses/super Star Trading Houses is as under:—

1992-93	Rs. 34726 Crores
1993-94	Rs. 45026 Crores
1994-95 (April-Sept.)	Rs. 23500 Crores

(d) to (f) Three cases where misuse of benefits was mad by Export Houses were reported. Two firms out of the three have been debarred as per provision of the Import Control Order 1955 and their cases have also been handed-over to CBI, while in the third case a Show Cause Notice for debarment has been issued by this directorate and also their case has been handed-over to CBI for investigation.

Supply of Imported Sugar to FCI by MMTC

2010. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has supplied the imported sugar to Food Corporation of India for Public distribution system; and

(b) if so, the rate per tonne at which the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has imported the sugar and supplied to the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average price of sugar imported by MMTC and sold to FCI on high seas basis works out to around US $ 383 per tonne C&F. In addition, in terms of extent procedure, FCI is to pay MMTC overhead/service charges @ 1.2% of CIF cost of each cargo.

Joint Venture with Vietnam and Signapore

2011. SHRI RAJU BHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during Prime Minister's visit to Vietnam and Singapore and thereafter joint ventures were signed with Vietnamese and Signapore enterpreneurs;

(b) if so,the details thereof, indicating the total investments undertaken by entrepreneurs from the two countries; and

(c) how far the ceiling of 5 million, that an Indian can invest in an overseas project has curbed these investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, During the Prime Minister's visit to Vietnam and Singapore and thereafter several Joint Venture agreements have been signed between Indian and Foreign corporate entities. The details and indicated in the enclosed statements I to III (*see* below).

(c) There is no ceiling of 5 million on Indian overseas investment.